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**In re Patent Application of:**  
**Kinya Hasegawa et al.****Application No.: 10/721,083****Confirmation No.: 7868****Filed: November 26, 2003****Art Unit: 3736****For: NONINVASIVE CONTINUOUS BLOOD  
MEASURING APPARATUS AND A  
METHOD OF NONINVASIVELY  
MEASURING CONTINUOUS BLOOD  
PRESSURE**

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**Examiner: Robert L. Nasser****INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (IDS)****Commissioner for Patents  
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